

Thurston County Veterans Advisory Board
17 July 2023
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Bill Powell, Ken Borque, Lisa Narciso, Rhonda Sutton, Matt Hout, and Brandon Frawley.

Others Present: Mark Moffett, Laniece Milam, Shay Baggs, Bob Jones, and Kris Mather.

Meeting Opening:

The meeting was opened at 6:00 pm.

The meeting minutes will be approved during the next meeting.

The reason is edits and revisions.

Bill welcomes all to the forum.

Habitat Proposal

- Mark is waiting to hear back on the refinance questions he received.
- Mark expressed that there is a lot to work on before spring.
- Mark speaks about the Home Repairs-Federal Matching Funds program.
- The proposal allocates up to \$50,000/year towards Veteran home modifications with matching funds.
- No questions. Bill will entertain a motion to approve this pilot program.
- Brandon makes a motion to support this program. Ken Borque seconds. All in favor. Nothing further.
- Mark states he will work on these proposals and present them to the BOCC for approval.

Future Projects/ Stand Down/ Bento

- Veterans stand down is scheduled for November 4th.
- Bill addressed the need for volunteers during the event.
- Bill stated that he would share the information as it came out.
- Kris noted that they had found a venue at South Puget Sound Community College on 6th Ave in Lacey.
- Kris is waiting on a master list of providers and community partners.
- Kris shared that the next stand-down meeting will be on the 21st of August.
- Laniece is waiting on written confirmation for the date and location.
- Bill stated that Bento is getting worked on by county staff.
- Matt describes his proposal as a proactive rent assistance program.
- Bill takes a motion on Matt's proposal.
- Matt motions to approve the Veteran Housing Stabilization Pilot Program he proposed via email. Rhonda seconds. No further questions. All in favor.

Board Vacant/Expiring

- Bill addresses vacancies and the need for a vice chair.
- Bill states he will hold off on a vote until more board members are present.

- Bill addresses board members attending functions with the county.
- August 3rd, 09:30 to brief the Thurston County Board of Commissioners.
- Laniece voices that this meeting is a general board overview meeting.

TCVAB Goals

- Bill expresses that the board wants to get two stand-downs a year.
- Bill voiced filling the board vacancies.

Around The Room and Adjourn

- Bill questions the Catholic Community Services shelter contract.
- Mark thanks Laniece and Shay for their hard work.
- Bill says to be prepared to vote on a vice chair next meeting.
- The board will meet last month of August.
- Brandon will get with Keith to look at available dates.

Lastly

- There being no further business, Bill Powell adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm. Brandon Frawley recorded the meeting minutes.